

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s):	Khalil Arar	Art Unit:	1637
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For:	FLUOROGENIC NUCLEIC ACID PROBES INCLUDING LNA FOR METHODS TO DETECT AND/OR QUANTIFY NUCLEIC ACID ANALYTES		

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 17, 2010, please consider the following remarks in accordance with the Rules of Practice. Submitted herewith is a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time period for response by two months, from June 17, 2010 through and including August 17, 2010, along with authorization for payment of the appropriate fee. Applicant believes that no additional fee is due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to withdraw any additional fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1662.

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Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.